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SUBJECT: GOM INTEREST IN PURCHASE FROM EXCESS PROPERTY DIVISION
OF AID

REF: A. STATE 68488 B. STATE 71559

1. UPON RECEIPT STATE 68488 EMBASSY DISCUSSED CONTENTS WITH PENNINGTON OF CONSULTANT FIRM MULLER, FOX AND PENNINGTON, WHO AT THAT TIME BELIEVED GOM READY MOVE AHEAD WITH SPECIFIC OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR PURCHASE EQUIPMENT.

2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT STATE 71559 CONTENTS THEREOF COMMUNICATED PENNINGTON WHO HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING OBTAIN OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM GOM BY DEADLINE. EMBASSY ATTEMPTS CONTACT INTERESTED GOM OFFICIALS UNSUCCESSFUL OWING DEPLETION GOM OFFICES FOR HOLY WEEK.

3. THIS MORNING PENNINGTON INFORMED ECON COUNSELOR THAT BECAUSE OF DISPUTE WITHIN GOM HE HAD BEEN UNABLE OBTAIN GOM OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR PURCHASE LOCOMOTIVES. PENNINGTON REFERRED EARLIER OBJECTION BY RAILROAD AUTHORITIES TO PROPOSED PURCHASE AND SAID THAT PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY CERVANTES DEL RIO HAD DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO MAKE MONEY AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURCHASE STATING THAT PORT AUTHORITIES " COULDN' T GO INTO RAILRODAD BUSINESS". WHILE PENNINGTON STILL HOPES OBTAIN REVERSAL THIS DECISION AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE, HE SAID HE WAS NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO REQUEST ANY
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FURTHER DELAY IN PUBLIC SALE OF LOCOMOTIVES.

4. WITH REGARD TO RAILWAY CRANES, HOWEVER, PENNINGTON SAID THAT OFFICIAL APPROVAL RECEIVED AT SUB- CABINET LEVEL FOR PURCHASE THESE ITEMS. WITH MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSED FOR REMAINDER OF HOLY WEEK PENNINGTON UNABLE TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL LETTER OWING ABSENCE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AT OPERATING LEVEL. HOWEVER, HE EXPECTS RECEIVE THIS ON APRIL 23 WHEN OFFICIALS RETURN FROM HOLIDAYS AND REQUESTS EXTENSION OF APRIL 20 DEADLINE INSOFAR AS SALE OF CRANES CONCERNED.

5. EMBASSY SUPPORTS PENNINGTON REQUEST FOR DELAY IN PUBLIC SALE CRANES AT LEAST FOR ANOTHER WEEK, IF THIS FEASIBLE WITHIN TERMS EXCESS PROPERTY DIVISION OF AID REGULATIONS. PLEASE INFORM ACTION TAKEN ON THIS REQUEST.
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